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VIA ECFS

June 19, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., SAC 442168
Submission of FCC Form 481 Annual Report
WC Docket No. 14-58 - ETC Annual Reports and Certifications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“the Cooperative”), Study Area Code 442168, hereby files its FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. *The version of the Cooperative’s FCC Form 481 submitted via the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) is a redacted version of the filing that contains no confidential information.*

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires privately-held rate-of-return carriers receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the company’s financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). The Cooperative, by its authorized representative, hereby seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the March 22, 2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58.¹ The *Protective Order* specifically covers the information required by 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

¹ *Connect America Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, *Protective Order*, 31 FCC Rcd 2089 (2016).

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Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the FCC Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

Each page of the Cooperative's financial annual report and the financial data summary page on the FCC Form 481 bear the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as attachments to the FCC Form 481.

In the filing submitted via the ECFS, all pages containing confidential information bear the legend "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

This cover letter contains no confidential information, and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

The FCC Form 481 has also been filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and with the relevant state commissions and Tribal governments, as appropriate.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dorothy" and last name "Young" clearly distinguishable.

Dorothy Young
Authorized Representative for
Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Attachments

cc: Darren Patrick, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
442168tx510.pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	442168tx610.pdf

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**(800) Operating Companies
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative., Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 442168tx1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance 442168tx1030.pdf

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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442168tx1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- | | | |
|--------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
		Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	442168tx3010.pdf
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	442168tx3017.pdf
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)		FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>MOSS ADAMS LLP</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	MOSS ADAMS LLP
Name of Reporting Carrier:	WES-TEX TEL CO-OP
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/08/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Darren Patrick
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Executive Vice President
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	4327563393 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	442168 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	WES-TEX TEL CO-OP
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	MOSS ADAMS LLP
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/08/2017
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Dorothy A. Young
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Telecommunications Consulting Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	5126527726 ext.
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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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LINE 510 - SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES COMPLIANCE

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“the Cooperative”) complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for its voice and broadband services.

The rates, terms, and conditions under which the Cooperative operates are outlined in its local exchange tariff, which is approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Texas PUC”). The tariff contains provisions regarding the Cooperative’s customer service and protection practices.

Service quality standards for voice service are established by the Texas PUC. The Cooperative consistently meets or exceeds those standards and provides reports to the Texas PUC, in accordance with the Texas PUC’s rules.

With regard to broadband service, the Cooperative provisions its network and equipment to ensure that its customers can enjoy the speeds to which they subscribe. However, Internet speeds generally result from a “best effort” service and are dependent upon a number of variables, many of which are outside the control of the Cooperative. The Cooperative also complies with the FCC’s Open Internet rules, 47 C.F.R. §§8.3-8.11. These rules prohibit blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization, and also require transparency of network management practices, performance, and the commercial terms of its broadband services.

The Cooperative complies with any and all consumer protection obligations under state law.

The Cooperative also complies with the following consumer best practices: (1) the Cooperative discloses its rates and terms of service to customers; (2) the Cooperative provides specific disclosures in its advertising; (3) the Cooperative separately identifies carrier charges from taxes on its billing statements; (4) the Cooperative provides ready access to customer service; (5) the Cooperative promptly responds to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (6) the Cooperative abides by policies for protection of consumer privacy.

Finally, the Cooperative has a policy and established operating procedures that comply with the FCC’s Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules (47 C.F.R. §§64.2001-64.2011).

LINE 610 - ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative) is able to function in emergency situations. The Cooperative has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. Standby power generators are supplied at the central office, remote switch sites, and repeater sites to ensure functionality without an external power source until power is restored. Any central office not equipped with permanently installed standby generators contains a minimum four hours of battery reserve without voltage falling below the level required for proper operation of all equipment. In addition, all central offices without installed emergency power facilities have a mobile power unit available which can be delivered and connected on short notice.

Although the Cooperative's ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances, there is a restoration plan in place for expeditious recovery of service.

LINE 1010 – VOICE SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

The Wireline Competition Bureau’s 2017 reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services is \$49.51, which includes the federal subscriber line charge (“SLC”).¹

In all of the exchanges served by Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“the Cooperative”), the single-line residential local rate in effect as of January 1, 2017 was \$18.00. When the federal SLC (\$6.50) is included, the rate was \$24.50. Therefore, the Cooperative’s pricing of fixed voice services is less than the reasonable comparability benchmark of \$49.51.

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of 2017 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Voice and Broadband Services, Posting of Survey Data and Explanatory Notes, and Required Minimum Usage Allowance for ETCs Subject to Broadband Public Interest Obligations*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, 32 FCC Rcd 1358 (2017).

LINE 1030 – BROADBAND SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

As of January 1, 2017, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was charging a residential rate of \$49.95 for broadband providing 10 Mbps download, 3 Mbps upload, and an unlimited usage allowance. This rate is lower than \$78.49, which is the 2017 reasonable comparability benchmark for the same offering established by the Wireline Competition Bureau.¹

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LINE 1210 – TERMS & CONDITIONS OF VOICE TELEPHONY LIFELINE PLANS

In the exchanges of Ackerly and Luther, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., (the Cooperative) offers qualified Lifeline subscribers a discount of \$13.25 (federal discount of \$9.25 + a state Lifeline discount of \$3.50 + an additional area discount of \$0.50) on local voice telephony service. The Lifeline single-line residential rate, including the federal subscriber line charge (SLC), is \$11.25 (\$24.50 standard rate less the \$13.25 discount).

In the exchanges of Coahoma and Sand Springs, the Cooperative offers qualified Lifeline subscribers a discount of \$14.07 (federal discount of \$9.25 + a state Lifeline discount of \$3.50 + an additional area discount of \$1.32) on local voice telephony service. The Lifeline single-line residential rate, including the federal SLC, is \$10.43 (\$24.50 standard rate less the \$14.07 discount).

In the exchanges of Garden City, Saint Lawrence, and Vincent, the Cooperative offers qualified Lifeline subscribers a discount of \$12.92 (federal discount of \$9.25 + a state Lifeline discount of \$3.50 + an additional area discount of \$0.17) on local voice telephony service. The Lifeline single-line residential rate, including the federal SLC, is \$11.58 (\$24.50 standard rate less the \$12.92 discount).

In the exchanges of Lomax and West Stanton, the Cooperative offers qualified Lifeline subscribers a discount of \$12.84 (federal discount of \$9.25 + a state Lifeline discount of \$3.50 + an additional area discount of \$0.09) on local voice telephony service. The Lifeline single-line residential rate, including the federal SLC, is \$11.66 (\$24.50 standard rate less the \$12.84 discount).

In the exchange of Lenorah, the Cooperative offers qualified Lifeline subscribers a discount of \$12.75 (federal discount of \$9.25 and a state Lifeline discount of \$3.50) on local voice telephony service. The Lifeline single-line residential rate, including the federal SLC, is \$11.75 (\$24.50 standard rate less the \$12.75 discount).

Qualified Lifeline subscribers may also subscribe to a residential service package that includes an unlimited nationwide long distance calling plan, tone dialing and a choice of custom calling features. The same discount is applied against the portion of the package rate that is for basic local voice service.

The exchange access line rates include an unlimited amount of local calling minutes. Additional charges for toll calls associated with the stand-alone residential access line are billed at the rates of the long distance carrier chosen by the subscriber. Customers may elect to subscribe to toll blocking at no charge.

Lifeline Program reductions do not apply to additional services such as custom calling features. Lifeline customers may subscribe to these services, where available, at the same rates offered to other customers.

LINE 3010 – CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST OBLIGATIONS

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“the Cooperative”) hereby certifies that the Cooperative has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service were met within a reasonable amount of time.

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USDA-RUS FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT FOR BROADBAND BORROWERS		<i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i>	
		BORROWER NAME Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	
		ADDRESS Stanton, Texas	
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 15 days after close of the period.		PERIOD ENDING December, 2016	BORROWER DESIGNATION TX1116

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that:

1. the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief; and
2. we have fulfilled our obligations under the Loan Documents throughout the year in all material respects

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

☒ All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

☐ There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the notes section of this report.

Darren Patrick

 CFO

01/20/2017

 DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
1. Cash and Equivalents		16. Accounts Payable	
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund		17. Notes Payable	
3. Accounts Receivable		18. Current Mat. L/T Debt - RLIS	
4. Notes Receivable		19. Current Mat. UT Debt-Other	
5. Materials and Inventory		20. Current Mat.-Capital Leases	
6. Other Current Assets		21. Other Current Liabilities	
Total Current		Total Current	
7. Assets (1 thru 6)		22. Liabilities (16 thru 21)	
NONCURRENT ASSETS		LONG-TERM DEBT	
8. Investment in Affiliated Companies		23. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	
9. Other Noncurrent Assets		24. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT		25. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	
10. Telecom. Plant-in-Service		26. Funded Debt-Other	
		Total Long-Term	
11. Plant Under Construction		27. Debt (23 thru 26)	
12. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant, & Goodwill		OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS	
13. Less Accumulated Depreciation		28. Other Long-Term Liabilities	
Net Plant		EQUITY	
14. (10 thru 12 less 13)		29. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	
		30. Additional Paid-in-Capital	
		31. Membership and Cap. Certificates	
		32. Patronage Capital Credits	
		33. Retained Earnings or Margins	
		34. Total Equity (29 thru 34)	
TOTAL ASSETS		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	
15. (7+8+9+14)		35. EQUITY (22+27+28+34)	

Total Equity =

% of Total Assets

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM		YEAR-TO-DATE
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
a. Voice		
b. Video		
c. Internet		
i. Broadband		
ii. Other		
2. Network Access Services and Long Distance Revenues		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
4. Other Operating Income		
5. Uncollectible Revenues		
6. Net Operating Revenues (11 thru 4 less 5)		
7. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
8. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
9. Customer Operations Expense		
10. Corporate Operations Expense		
11. Other Operating Expenses		
12. Total Operating Expenses (7 thru 11)		
13. Operating Income or Margins (6 less 12)		
14. Nonoperating/Nonregulated Net Income		
15. EBIDTA (13 + 14)		
16. Depreciation Expense		
17. Amortization Expense		
18. EBIT (15 - 16 - 17)		
19. Interest on Funded Debt		
20. Other Interest Expense		
21. Taxes		
a. Property		
b. Income		
22. Total Net Income or Margins (18-19-20-21)		
23 Dividends Declared (Common)		
24 Dividends Paid		
25 Transfers to Patronage Capital		
26 Principal Payments on Long Term Debt and Capital Leases		
27 TIER (19 + 20 + 22) / (19 + 20)		

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PART C. SERVICES						
		1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS		
		Residential	Business	Residential	Business	Total
No.	SERVICE OFFERINGS	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Broadband Data Packages					
1	25M/10M					
2	3M/1M					
3	25M/3M					
4	512K/256K					
5	10M/3M					
6	5M/2M					
7	25M/25M					
8	1.5M/512K					
	Voice Packages					
9	Voice/LD					
10	Local service					

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PART C. COMMUNITIES					
No.	Community	County	State	No.Broadband Data Customers	Broadband Application
1	Other Area	Borden	TX		
2	Other Area	Dawson	TX		
3	Other Area	Glasscock	TX		
4	Coahoma town	Howard	TX		
5	Other Area	Howard	TX		
6	Other Area	Martin	TX		
7	Other Area	Midland	TX		
8	Other Area	Reagan	TX		

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PART D. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1.	Beginning Cash	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
2. Net Income		
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3. Add: Depreciation		
4. Add: Amortization		
5. Other (Explain) See Notes		
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:</i>		
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		
9. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		
11.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
12. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		
13. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		
14. Plus/(Less) Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (including current maturities)		
15. Plus: Increase/(Less: Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital or Membership and Capital Certificates		
16. Less: Payment of Dividends		
17. Other (Explain) See Notes		
18.	Net Cash Provided/ (Used) by Financing Activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
19. Net Capital Expenditures		
20. Long-Term Investments		
21. Other (Explain) See Notes		
22.	Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	
23.	Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash	
24.	Ending Cash	

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PART 9. 6-D9F: CFA5B79'A95GI F9G			
		New Broadband Service	Improved Broadband Service
1. Number of households subscribing to			
2. Number of businesses subscribing to			
3. Number of educational providers receiving			
4. Number of libraries receiving			
5. Number of health care providers receiving			
6. Number of public safety providers receiving			

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